

REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed to provide antecedent basis in the Specification for the original claims. No new matter is added, as the language added to the Specification is based upon the original claims.

In addition, a grammatical error on page 7 is being corrected, and a typographical error on page 8 is being corrected.

The claims are also being further amended to present a clearer and more grammatically correct format.

In addition, a proposed correction to Figure 1 is being submitted. This correction adds designating indicia for the width W mentioned in the detailed description of FIG. 1 at page 7. The corrections are shown in yellow hi lite.

If the Examiner would be kind enough to indicate approval of the proposed corrections, corrected formal drawings will be submitted to the Chief Draftsman.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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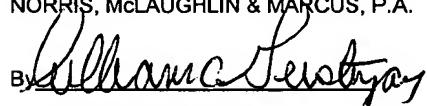
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Page 7, first full paragraph:

In detail, figure 1 shows a device (1). The reverse face (2) of the device (1) is used for sticking on an adhesive sheet strip (5), the regions (3A) and (3B) of this reverse face (2) which lie against the grip tab (6) of the adhesive sheet strip (5) are roughened. The depth (W) of the roughened area is depicted and extends in the form shown to approximately the "inner" end of the grip tab (6), though may also readily extend further into the adhesive area, i.e., up to the point where the adhesive sheet strip (5) bonds to the device (1) and is no longer covered by film (7B). Since the user is able to stick the adhesive sheet strip (5) onto the device (1) in such a way that the grip tab (6) is able to protrude at [both] either one end [and the] or other end, both regions (3A) and (3B) are roughened. This prevents the user bonding the adhesive sheet strips (5) "wrongly"; i.e., in such a way that the grip tab (6) not roughened protrudes. Accordingly, the user does not need to consult use instructions or the like as to how he or she should stick on the adhesive sheet strip (5); instead, he or she always sticks it on "correctly". And at the same time he or she has the further advantage that toward the end of the stripping operation the adhesive sheet strip (5) parts more readily from the bond and so also tends less toward tears at the end of stripping. Indeed, it is particularly at the end of stripping that the tendency toward tearing goes up, since the force with which the user presses on the article in order to hold it is exerted on an area which is

becoming smaller and smaller as stripping progresses - a phenomenon which may also be countered by means of spacers.

Page 8, second paragraph:

Figure 3 depicts another embodiment in which the device (1) has a reverse face (2) which serves to accommodate an adhesive sheet strip (not shown) and which has regions (3A) and (3B) roughened at both ends. Additionally, the device (1) has spacers [3A, 3B] (8A, 8B).

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Claim 1 (amended). A redetachable self-adhesive device

- a) [whose reverse face is] having a surface bonded [with] to one side of a strip of [a] double-sided [sidedly adhering] adhesive sheet [in such a way that] with at least one end of the adhesive sheet projecting [projects] beyond [the device] at least one edge of said surface as a grip tab,
- b) the adhesive sheet [is such that the bond made with it] being of a kind that is redetachable by [stretching] pulling on the grip tab of the strip to stretch the strip in the direction of the bond plane,

wherein

- c) [on its reverse face (2) the device (1), in the region (3A, 3B) situated against the grip tab (6) of the adhesive sheet strip (5) or and also partly against the free adhesive composition] said surface, in the area immediately adjacent to said grip tab, has an average roughness R_a of 0.4-25 μm .

Claim 3 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the] said average roughness R_a is 2-20 μm .

Claim 4 (twice-amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said surface area, immediately adjacent to said grip and having [the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting] the average roughness R_{a1} has an average depth of roughness R_z of 1-150 μm .

Claim 5 (twice-amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the area [region (3A, 3B) exhibiting] having the average roughness R_a is [reduced] produced together with the device [(1)] by injection molding, or is produced in a subsequent [workstep] step by etching, grinding, embossing or spark erosion.

Claim 6 (twice-amended). The device as claimed in claim [1] 4, wherein the width of the [region (3A, 3B) exhibiting] area having the average roughness R_a [adjoins the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) protrudes, at least] corresponds to or exceeds [in its width] the width of the adhesive strip [(5)], and [in its depth measures] has a depth of 0.5-20 mm.

Claim 7 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the reverse face (2) of the device (1) has alternative edges (4, 4') by way of which the adhesive sheet strip (5) may be stuck on with its grip tab (6) projecting beyond said edges, there being provided corresponding regions (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness $R_a]$ the areas immediately adjacent to two opposite edges of said surface have said average roughness R_a .

Claim 8 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, [wherein besides the adhesive sheet strip (5) there are] further comprising spacers [(8A, 8B, 8C) whose] the heights of which are [is] less than the thickness of the adhesive sheet strip [(5)].

Claim 9 (twice-amended). The device as claimed in claims 6 or 7, wherein said area or areas of said surface immediately adjacent to said edge or edges [the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) projects has] have a low static friction and low sliding friction [.] surface.

Claim 10 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive sheet strip [(5)] is elastically or plastically extensible with or without a carrier in between.

Claim 11 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesion of the adhesive sheet strip [(5)] is less than the cohesion, the adhesion largely disappears when the sheet is extended, and the ratio of peel force to tear load is at least 1:2.0, the adhesive sheet being based on thermoplastic rubber and tackifying resins, with high elasticity and low plasticity.

Claim 12 (twice-amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the [reverse face of] surface of the adhesive sheet strip opposite the surface that is bonded to the surface of the device [(5)] is lined with a release laminate or a release film.

Claim 16 (amended). The device of Claim 6, wherein said depth measures 0.5-15
[nm] mm.

Claim 18 (amended). The device of Claim 12, wherein said [face of said adhesive
sheet is lined with] release laminate or release film is a siliconized release paper.